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SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS B AND D IN STUDY BY USCOB-
USBER TASK FORCE WERE DIRECTED AT THAT GROUP WHICH
IN PAST HAS BEEN MOST VULNERABLE TO EXFILTRATION
ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, MODIFICATION HAS BEEN AGREED TO
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BY USCOB AND USBER IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE EMB BONN'S

SUGGESTION (REF A) THAT PROHIBITION ON AUTOBAHN TRAVEL DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS BE MADE GENERALLY APPLICABLE. AT SAME TIME, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN ACCESS RIGHTS REGARDLESS OF HOUR, COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONNEL ABOVE GRADE OF E-6 IN CASES OF GENUINE NEED.

2. IN REGARD TO BONN PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL APPLICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON EAST BERLIN TRAVEL (PARA 2B, REF B), WE BELIEVE REGULAR EXCEPTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE VISITS BY LESS THEN THREE PERSONS IN ORDER SUSTAIN ALLIED RIGHTS. OTHERWISE, VISITS TO EAST BERLIN BY INDIVIDUAL PERSONS AND PARIS COULD DWINDLE TO POINT WHERE RIGHT OF FREE CIRCULATION OF THESE CATEGORIES MIGHT BE ERODED BY EAST GERMAN ATTEMPT TO TURN SUCH US PRACTICE INTO REQUIREMENT THAT ALL ALLIED VISITORS TRAVEL IN GROUPS OF THREE OR MORE. ALSO, ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION OF LESS THAN THREE TRAVELLERS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY TIGHTER THAN OTHER ALLIED PRACTICES. (BRITISH REQUIREMENT FOR GROUP TRAVEL APPLIES TO CORPORALS AND BELOW: FRENCH DO NOT REQUIRE GROUP TRAVEL.) SUCH PROHIBITION ALSO WOULD PREVENT MARRIED COUPLES OR SINGLE PERSONS FROM ATTENDING CULTURAL EVENTS OR ACCEPTING SOCIAL INVITATIONS IN EAST BERLIN. THESE FACTORS, TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ORIGINAL TASK FORCE STUDY, CONVINCE US MEASURES PROPOSED IN PARA 2B, REF B, SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. WE IN NO WAY CONDONE VIOLATION OF CURRENCY REGULATIONS AND DID NOT CONTEMPLATE EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRICTIONS. PRESENT POLICY IS TO FIT PUNISHMENT TO VIOLATION. GENERALLY 24-MONTH BAN IS IMPOSED, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY PERMANENT FOR SINGLE-TOUR PERSONNEL, BUT ALLOWS RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES TO VALUABLE LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES, TAKING EXTENT OF VIOLATION AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN THEIR RECORDS INTO CONSIDERATION. POLICY OF TAILORING PERIOD OF RESTRICTION TO SERIOUSNESS OF VIOLATION WAS DESIGNED TO APPLY MODICUM OF FAIRNESS TO PUNISHMENT OF VIOLATORS. FOR EXAMPLE, INDIVIDUAL WITH OTHERWISE CLEAN RECORD

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WHO FAILS TO RECONVERT UNUSED EAST MARKS BEFORE LEAVING EAST BERLIN (ACTUAL CASE OF CAPTAIN WHO BROUGHT OUT 90 EAST MARKS SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT BECAUSE CURRENCY EXCHANGE OFFICE CLOSED AT 2000) DESERVES LESS SEVERE PUNISHMENT THAN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXPLOITS CURRENCY EXCHANGE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN TO BRING OUT ITEMS FOR RESALE IN WEST, OR INDIVIDUAL WHO, APART FROM PETTY CURRENCY VIOLATION,

HAS BAD RECORD IN OTHER AREAS.SELIGMANN

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